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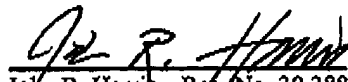
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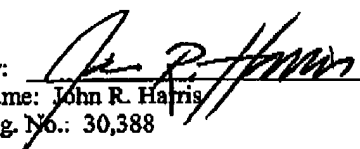
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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet containing Certificate of Mailing/Facsimile (1 page)
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- ☒ Exhibit A (Copy of Assignment to First Data Corporation and owner of cited reference - 8 pages)
- ☒ Patent Application Fee Determination Record (1 page)
- ☒ Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 (1 page)
- ☒ Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$280.00 for 6 additional total claims and 2 additional independent claims (1 page)

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2004, please amend the application as follows and consider the appended remarks:

This amendment is submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and contains the following separate sections that start on a separate sheet: Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Claims, Remarks, and Exhibit A (copy of Assignment to First Data Corporation, also owner of cited *Zirkel* reference).

Introductory Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 11, 2004.

Claims 1-15, 17-20, 22-24, and 26-46 are pending in this application, prior to this amendment. Claims 15, 20, and 24 have been amended. New claims 47-52 are added.